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Applicant : James A. Laugharn, Jr. et al. Art Unit : 1623
Serial No. : 09/530,478 Examiner : James O. Wilson
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Title : PRESSURE-ENHANCED EXTRACTION AND PURIFICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed July 16, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5, 9, 11, 13-17, 59-67, 69-71, 74, 77, 93-95, 97 and 100-102

without prejudice.

Please amend claim 72 as follows:

~~72. (Amended) A method of releasing molecules from cells, the method comprising:
exposing the cells to an elevated pressure of at least 500 psi in a pressure chamber to
form lysed cells;
whereby the molecules are released from the lysed cells within the pressure chamber. --~~

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